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Awesome. Thanks very much for your help!

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Just added two lines up top, but otherwise it's not too bad!

**Suggested Response:**

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Hey you!

My suggested edits are below.

Please let me know what you think about this and if you'd like to have a quick call about it before I respond to Kent.

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Hi Kent,

Thanks for this and for sharing the BN again (I wanted to be sure Jimmy had the context). I don't have any suggested additions or edits to the response, but will see if Jimmy has anything to add.

Jimmy: Don't hesitate to give me a call if it's easier.

Thanks all!

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Thanks!

Eugene

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Do you want to flip the additional questions my way as well so that I can take a look at them first?

Just curious what else they asked in addition to the bunch that came through last time.

Thanks!

Roari

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Sorry for my previous reply, Kent. Hadn't seen this email yet.

Yes, I agree, there's nothing additional we can provide that I can see in this case.

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I know I'm new, but I have to agree. **s.13**  
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- Drafted in August of 2021, within two months of the court decision, the purpose of the briefing note was to provide information on what the potential impacts could be to producers in the Petroleum and Natural Gas Sector if the Yahey decision resulted in a major disruption to production in Northeastern B.C., with analysis including the potential impacts to capital expenditures, operational expenditures, jobs and investment.
- Anything beyond these four categories was out of scope for this particular briefing note, which wasn't expected to provide an exhaustive analysis, as the Province was at that time, and remains, in negotiations with the Blueberry River First Nation towards a potential solution.

**Background:** This is a follow-up to a media request from January 19, 2022.

**PREVIOUS REQUEST:**

Just wanted to provide EMLI with an opportunity to comment on something. Regarding the briefing document (CLIFF: 114408, Aug. 16, 2021) did the ministry analyze the information provided by industry producers and the likes of CAPP/EPAC to provide Deputy Minister Mihlar advice based on the best available information or does this represent a summary of industry's concerns?



*PREVIOUS RESPONSE:*

Provided Background

The Ministry uses a number of best available information sources to derive an estimate of the potential economic impact of the Yahey decision.

## MINISTRY OF ENERGY, MINES AND LOW CARBON INNOVATION

### BRIEFING NOTE FOR INFORMATION

**PREPARED FOR:** Deputy Minister, Fazil Mihlar, Ministry of Energy, Mines and Low Carbon Innovation

**ISSUE:** Potential economic impacts to the petroleum and natural gas sector.

#### BACKGROUND:

In June 2021, the Supreme Court of British Columbia released its decision in *Yahey v. British Columbia*, 2021 BCSC 1287. In consideration of this decision, the Ministry of Energy, Mines and Low Carbon Innovation (Ministry) cancelled the July and August petroleum and natural gas tenure (PNG) dispositions and subsequently s.16 sales until further notice. Similarly, the BC Oil and Gas Commission (Commission) has issuance of activities permits other than for health and safety reasons.

#### DISCUSSION:

Preliminary discussions between Ministry staff and PNG producers have revealed that even a short term s.16 of tenuring and authorizations will limit capital and operational expenditures and may dissuade future PNG sector investment. The Ministry continues to receive information from PNG operators highlighting the impacts of the s.16 which is detailed in this section. Table 1 summarizes specific information received from industry. The Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers (CAPP) and the Explorers and Producers Association of Canada (EPAC) provided an assessment based on member data they have so far received (see attached). Their assessment is limited to priority projects and applications as reported by their members and represents approximately 40% of PNG production in the province.

##### *Overall Risk*

Further illustrating the importance of continued access to PNG resources in the province, 2019 figures from CAPP show the scale of annual spending by its members and their contribution to provincial revenue. CAPP's member producers comprise 95% of the PNG industry expenditures in the province:

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##### *Foregone Crown Revenue Risk (PNG Industry-Wide)*

- Royalties
  - The Ministry estimates total industry royalties foregone could equal \$88.6 million per year.

- Tenure Sales Bonus Bids
  - Based on recent smaller sales, the Ministry conservatively estimates annual bonus bids lost equal \$2 to \$3 million per year
- Lease Rentals
  - \$220,000 per year lost rent on posted titles is based on the average from recent sales; trend expected to continue.

#### *Other Impacts*

- Direct, indirect, and induced economic effects as job and local investment income is not distributed into the local economy, e.g.:
  - A 2017 report by the Canadian Energy Research Institute stated that every direct job created in oil and gas creates two indirect and three induced jobs on average.
- Company cash flow will be significantly impacted and thus ability to reinvest in the province.
- Many companies will soon face significant pressures to meet contractual commitments, e.g., North Montney, LNG Canada, processing and other transportation commitments, rig commitments, etc.
- A reduction in Crown revenue impacting the Province's ability to fund government programs.
- Capital flight to jurisdictions with greater regulatory certainty.
- Social impacts in the communities economically dependent on PNG sector employment, taxation, and commerce.

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<sup>1</sup> Table contains confidential information provided by PNG operators and is intended only for use by the Ministry of Energy, Mines and Low Carbon Innovation.

<sup>2</sup> Table does not include all PNG companies having significant investment and current development in BC, such as Tourmaline, ARC Resources and others.

<sup>3</sup> Information is based on 40% of the PNG companies currently producing in BC

<sup>4</sup> A simple extrapolation of CNRL's calculations conducted by the Ministry indicates potential losses of 5,000 to 10,000 jobs industry wide in the province.

**SUMMARY:**

CAPP and EPAC have indicated that “the current **s.16** on BCOGC permits and authorizations has created economic risk and is impacting oil and gas activities in BC”.

PNG producers have indicated that **s.16** these activities will impact capital spending, operations spending and may result in job losses. **s.16**

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. The **s.16** will also likely negatively impact the Province’s future revenue stream generated by royalties, bonus bid revenue from tenure sales, as well as rental income from new leases.

**Attachment: EPAC/CAPP Feedback on Economic Impact.**

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Geoff

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Can do but will need to loop on the BRFN corporate lead. I'll keep you posted.

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Good morning folks!

We've included contacts from SPPIO, IARS and MPMO to hopefully help address this media request.

Finance has reached out to both NRCan and CIRNAC to see if either of our Departments would have any input or could lead on the request below re: the Blueberry River First Nations' treaty rights and the impact on authorizations/tenures to new oil and gas sector projects. They provided the following link for reference:

<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2021IR0063-001940>

Finance does not believe they would have any input to provide, and CIRNAC has not yet confirmed if they will have anything on their end.

Is this something that we could speak to, or lead? IF so, would your teams be able to work to provide a joint response to the questions below? In the meantime, we will continue to work with Finance and CIRNAC to determine who will lead, who can provide input, etc.



Merci!

Alycia

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Thanks!

I'll follow up with Meghan.

Chris

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I suggest this be coordinated through GCPE as I think we just responded (or are responding) to Matt on these questions

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Hello BC colleagues

Further to our discussion yesterday, pls see our draft reply below, to the media request. It has been checked by legal.

Your views ASAP would be appreciated, and thank you for your media lines. They were helpful.

Scott Clausen  
Deputy Director, Pipelines, Gas and LNG Division



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- The June 29, 2021 decision by the British Columbia (BC) Supreme Court (Yahey Decision) provided additional clarity on the relationship between cumulative impacts of development, provincial decision-making and Indigenous rights in BC.
- The Government of Canada recognizes the importance of addressing potential cumulative impacts of natural resource projects, including their potential impacts to Indigenous rights. This issue is important to the Government of Canada's objectives for Indigenous reconciliation, and to build a more inclusive and sustainable natural resource sector.
- The Government of Canada acknowledges the BC Government's October 2021 announcement that significant progress has already been made on the development of a land management process in BRFN territory that restores and protects the ability of the land to support Indigenous ways of life. Progress in this regard is promising, as the objective of both parties is to ensure that future provincial authorizations effectively manage cumulative effects, including on Indigenous rights, while enabling economic outcomes and opportunities to be realized.
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- The Government of Canada continues to support ongoing collaboration between the BRFN and the BC Government, including efforts to develop a new agreement in the region that will inform a provincial permitting framework that respects Treaty 8 rights and supports and addresses the economy, jobs at the environment.

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Good morning folks!

We've included contacts from SPPIO, IARS and MPMO to hopefully help address this media request.

Finance has reached out to both NRCan and CIRNAC to see if either of our Departments would have any input or could lead on the request below re: the Blueberry River First Nations' treaty rights and the impact on authorizations/tenures to new oil and gas sector projects. They provided the following link for reference:

<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2021IRR0063-001940>

Finance does not believe they would have any input to provide, and CIRNAC has not yet confirmed if they will have anything on their end.

Is this something that we could speak to, or lead? IF so, would your teams be able to work to provide a joint response to the questions below? In the meantime, we will continue to work with Finance and CIRNAC to determine who will lead, who can provide input, etc.

Merci!

Alycia

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January 13th

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**SECTOR // SECTEUR:** SPPIO/MPMO/IARS

**CALL TYPE // TYPE D'APPEL:** Written Response

**OUTLET // MÉDIA:** The Narwhal

**REPORTER // JOURNALISTE:** Matt Simmons

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**CONTEXT(E) // QUESTIONS**

I'm a reporter with The Narwhal, based in Smithers, BC. I'm reaching out for comment on the economic impacts — current and projected — of the B.C. Supreme Court ruling on the province's infringement of Blueberry River First Nations' treaty rights, which has resulted in the current situation where the province can no longer issue authorizations and tenures to new oil and gas sector projects in the northeast region of the province. I'm hoping you can provide me a statement that shares Canada's perspective on both the ruling and the economic impacts it has on the country.

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OK, thanks,  
Will do

*Bill Adair*

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Hi Kent – my understanding is that the Province has already responded to Matt on this issue. Glen should have some insight.

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Please contact Meghan McRae ([meghan.mcrae@gov.bc.ca](mailto:meghan.mcrae@gov.bc.ca)) at our Government Communications and Public Engagement Office to address his questions.

*Bill Adair*

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**Subject:** Briefing document re: BRFN

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Hi Bill,

My name is Matt Simmons — I'm a reporter with The Narwhal based in Smithers. I came across a briefing document you prepared for Deputy Minister Fazil Mihlar and I'm hoping you might be able to help me wrap my head around a couple of things. The doc was about the potential implications/impacts (economic, jobs) of the Blueberry River FN court ruling on the oil and gas sector in northeast BC. I'm curious, did the numbers take into account subsidies/credits? Would love to have a quick chat if that's possible?

Thanks,  
Matt  
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Matt Simmons | he/him  
Journalist, Northwest B.C.  
[The Narwhal](http://TheNarwhal.ca)



The Narwhal is committed to upholding the principles of truth and reconciliation through our journalism and I wish to acknowledge this land on which I live and work. I am based on unceded Gidimt'en Clan territory, home of the Wet'suwet'en nation, in Smithers, B.C.

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**Subject:** RE: MEDIA REQUEST: BRFN Yahey

Great thanks!

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Looks good

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Sounds good. Maybe just this?

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Reminder on this noting the deadline..

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Hi Nate,

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Kent.

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Hi Megan,

The reporter brings up a few points that were out of context of the original Briefing note;

My original direction was:

To draft BN with the following information:

For Minister for Information: BRFN Decision Impacts to Producers/PNG Sector

- Three main themes:
  - Impacts to CAPEX
  - Impacts to OPEX
  - Impacts to Jobs
  - Impacts to investment

May our ADM provided some info from industry on these impacts. She also reached out to other operators, CAPP & EPAC.

The Note was a high level perspective of possible impacts, if the Yahey decision resulted in a major disruption to Petroleum and Natural gas production in the Northeast.

As the reporter mentioned there are other factors that could be considered in such an analysis, however many of these were out of scope for this particular BN.

The bottom line is that it's a really big number with a significant influence on the local and Provincial economy.

*Bill Adair*

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**Importance:** High

Hi there, this reporter has followed up with a number of questions about the briefing note. He's looking for a response by EOD Monday, though I let him know that might not be achievable on our end.

Can you please help us pull together the response?

FYI-I've been moved to the Ministry of Education, starting next Monday, so Glen or Kent will be carrying this one to the finish line while the new Comms Director, Sean Leslie, gets settled in.

All the best!

Meghan

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Looks good to me, Chris may have a bit more insight.

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I think the note was written in August<sup>s.22</sup>

I would also suggest that there was no need to conduct an in-depth analysis because the province was and still is in negotiations with BRFN regarding a potential solution/outcome.

Chris

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You beat me to it. Just sent some additional thoughts.

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It was sent up August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021, so pretty early days.

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Would this work? Is there any edits I missed?

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On the jobs piece the sector supports about 40k jobs (the number the reporter quotes is a subset). Mark Urwin has the full breakdown if needed.

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I like working the negotiations into it, as Chris suggests in a different thread.

Imagine I should add Mr. Mark Graham to the thread, re: negotiations.

You folks can finish this one on Monday if it pleases you!

Thanks!

Meghan

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You beat me to it. Just sent some additional thoughts.

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It was sent up August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021, so pretty early days.

With your suggestion, we could say:

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Hi folks, thanks to Bill's context yesterday, I wonder if this will suffice as an answer for this one, on background of course:

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If you think it needs to be expanded further, or if we can answer any of his other questions (below) let me (let Glen) know.

Thanks!  
Meghan

#### Reporter

Matt Simmons, Reporter

The Narwhal

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**Deadline** Monday, January 24, 2022 4:30 PM

#### Request

Just had a discussion with my editors and we're going to hold off on publication to give you an opportunity to answer some further questions about the briefing document. The deadline for response on this is end of day Monday.

- Why does the memo not mention treaty rights and obligations?
- What are the supplementary sources that corroborate the ministry's estimates of \$90+ million in annual losses?
- As I asked via Bill Adair, who drafted the document, and was referred to Meghan for answers, did the ministry include in its analysis subsidies provided to producers? If so, can you please show me the breakdown of how those subsidies impact projected revenues/losses?
- Given the ministry is also responsible for low carbon innovation, has the ministry conducted analysis on means to mitigate the losses through other related avenues?
- The briefing doc notes potential loss of 5,000 to 10,000 jobs. According to provincial statistics, the oil and gas sector in BC employed 4,700 people in 2021. Can you explain this discrepancy? Is the briefing document referring to potential/future jobs or...?
- In the document, under "other impacts", it's noted the impacts could include a reduction in Crown revenue. Is this in addition to the jobs & \$90+ million revenue losses or a result of those losses?
- The document notes "cash flow impacts" to companies — how? And what companies are being referred to?
- Regarding the mention of companies facing "significant pressures" to honour contractual obligations, I'd appreciate some context around this. What are those pressures, specifically? And how are they impacted?
- Also under "other impacts" is noted capital flight to other jurisdictions... Which jurisdictions are being referred to? Alberta, elsewhere in Canada, or out of country?

## **Recommendation**

### **Background**

This is a follow-up to a media request from January 19, 2022.

#### **REQUEST:**

Just wanted to provide EMLI with an opportunity to comment on something. Regarding the briefing document (CLIFF: 114408, Aug. 16, 2021) did the ministry analyze the information provided by industry producers and the likes of CAPP/EPAC to provide Deputy Minister Mihlar advice based on the best available information or does this represent a summary of industry's concerns?

#### **RESPONSE:**

Provided Background

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Here was what I see was the latest:

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Would this work? Is there any edits I missed?

Kent.

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On the jobs piece the sector supports about 40k jobs (the number the reporter quotes is a subset). Mark Urwin has the full breakdown if needed.

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I like working the negotiations into it, as Chris suggests in a different thread.

Imagine I should add Mr. Mark Graham to the thread, re: negotiations.

You folks can finish this one on Monday if it pleases you!

Thanks!  
Meghan

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You beat me to it. Just sent some additional thoughts.

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It was sent up August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021, so pretty early days.

With your suggestion, we could say:

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Hi folks, thanks to Bill's context yesterday, I wonder if this will suffice as an answer for this one, on background of course:

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- Anything beyond these four categories was out of scope for this particular briefing note.

If you think it needs to be expanded further, or if we can answer any of his other questions (below) let me (let Glen) know.

Thanks!  
Meghan

#### **Reporter**

Matt Simmons, Reporter

The Narwhal

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**Deadline** Monday, January 24, 2022 4:30 PM

#### **Request**

Just had a discussion with my editors and we're going to hold off on publication to give you an opportunity to answer some further questions about the briefing document. The deadline for response on this is end of day Monday.

- Why does the memo not mention treaty rights and obligations?
- What are the supplementary sources that corroborate the ministry's estimates of \$90+ million in annual losses?
- As I asked via Bill Adair, who drafted the document, and was referred to Meghan for answers, did the ministry include in its analysis subsidies provided to producers? If so, can you please show me the breakdown of how those subsidies impact projected revenues/losses?
- Given the ministry is also responsible for low carbon innovation, has the ministry conducted analysis on means to mitigate the losses through other related avenues?
- The briefing doc notes potential loss of 5,000 to 10,000 jobs. According to provincial statistics, the oil and gas sector in BC employed 4,700 people in 2021. Can you explain this discrepancy? Is the briefing document referring to potential/future jobs or...?

- In the document, under “other impacts”, it’s noted the impacts could include a reduction in Crown revenue. Is this in addition to the jobs & \$90+ million revenue losses or a result of those losses?
- The document notes “cash flow impacts” to companies — how? And what companies are being referred to?
- Regarding the mention of companies facing “significant pressures” to honour contractual obligations, I’d appreciate some context around this. What are those pressures, specifically? And how are they impacted?
- Also under “other impacts” is noted capital flight to other jurisdictions... Which jurisdictions are being referred to? Alberta, elsewhere in Canada, or out of country?

## **Recommendation**

### **Background**

This is a follow-up to a media request from January 19, 2022.

#### *REQUEST:*

Just wanted to provide EMLI with an opportunity to comment on something. Regarding the briefing document (CLIFF: 114408, Aug. 16, 2021) did the ministry analyze the information provided by industry producers and the likes of CAPP/EPAC to provide Deputy Minister Mihlar advice based on the best available information or does this represent a summary of industry’s concerns?

#### *RESPONSE:*

Provided Background

The Ministry uses a number of best available information sources to derive an estimate of the potential economic impact of the Yahey decision.



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I suggest this be coordinated through GCPE as I think we just responded (or are responding) to Matt on these questions

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Hi – media request for NRCan and they are looking to us for some support. We work with them on NRB projects like the NRM pipeline connector.

Request comes from Matt Simmons at The Narwhal. Questions is:

*I'm a reporter with The Narwhal, based in Smithers, BC. I'm reaching out for comment on the economic impacts — current and projected — of the B.C. Supreme Court ruling on the province's infringement of Blueberry River First Nations' treaty rights, which has resulted in the current situation where the province can no longer issue authorizations and tenures to new oil and gas sector projects in the northeast region of the province. I'm hoping you can provide me a statement that shares Canada's perspective on both the ruling and the economic impacts it has on the country.*

**Do we have any messaging (bullets) that we can share other than the previous media release.**

**We're meeting tomorrow morning so if you have any thoughts or direction that would be helpful.**

Thx,  
Chris

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**Importance:** High

Hi Chris,

This looks like something that would best be handled by you I'm thinking. Are you able to make the call tomorrow morning that Scott has scheduled?

Thanks  
Geoff

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Greetings BC colleagues:

We have been tasked with preparing some media lines to the below inquiry, from the Narwhal.

Wondering if we could a) be provided with anything you have prepared in this regard (beyond the media release itself referenced below) that could be of assistance; and b) provide any helpful details and provincial perspectives on how you would capture the economics aspect, in light of the Framework being negotiated.

Would you also be amenable to a meeting later today or tomorrow, on this? We've asked for an extension but no word back yet.

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Hi Alycia

Thx for the chat just now, and appreciate your understanding of the broader context behind this request.

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Can you look into pushing this out and let everyone on this chain know?

Thanks

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Good morning folks!

We've included contacts from SPPIO, IARS and MPMO to hopefully help address this media request.

Finance has reached out to both NRCAN and CIRNAC to see if either of our Departments would have any input or could lead on the request below re: the Blueberry River First Nations' treaty rights and the impact on authorizations/tenures to new oil and gas sector projects. They provided the following link for reference:

<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2021IRR0063-001940>

Finance does not believe they would have any input to provide, and CIRNAC has not yet confirmed if they will have anything on their end.

Is this something that we could speak to, or lead? IF so, would your teams be able to work to provide a joint response to the questions below? In the meantime, we will continue to work with Finance and CIRNAC to determine who will lead, who can provide input, etc.

Merci!

Alycia

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**CONTEXT(E) // QUESTIONS**

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**RESPONSE | RÉPONSE**

TBD

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Thanks – looks good to me too. Appreciate being linked in.

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**To:** Amann-Blake, Nathaniel EMLI:EX <[Nathaniel.Amann-Blake@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Nathaniel.Amann-Blake@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Cc:** McRae, Meghan GCPE:EX <[Meghan.McRae@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Meghan.McRae@gov.bc.ca)>; Plummer, Glen GCPE:EX <[Glen.Plummer@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Glen.Plummer@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** FOR REVIEW: MEDIA REQUEST: PNG Royalties

Hi Nate,

Media request for review. Geoff Turner provided this info.

Kent.

**Reporter:** Matt Simmons, The Narwhal

**Deadline:** ASAP

**Request:**

— I'd like to know the annual revenue received by the province in royalties from petroleum and natural gas (PNG) producers, per year, for the past five years.

— Also, if estimates for this are available, I'd like to know how much royalty revenue the province expects it will receive annually from producers supplying LNG Canada when it comes online. Failing that information, I can work it out based on average royalties received per unit, which I assume is measuring in cubic feet... If you can provide me with some details on amounts etc., that's be very helpful.



**Suggested Response:**

*On background:*

The [budget document table A9](#) (page 172 of the PDF) has annual revenues from natural gas royalties and bonus bids.

While we are unable to forecast LNG revenues, you can find expected revenues over the life of LNG Canada, and an itemized forecast for a generic LNG facility showing proportion of revenues across different sources (including royalties) [HERE](#).

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# Natural Gas Royalty System Overview and Royalty Revenue Forecasting

## January 2022

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## Calculating Royalties

### NGLs + Condensate

Liquids Volume (m3)	×	Royalty Rate (20%)	×	Sales Price (\$/m3)	=	Royalty (\$)
10 m3		20%		\$100/m3		\$200

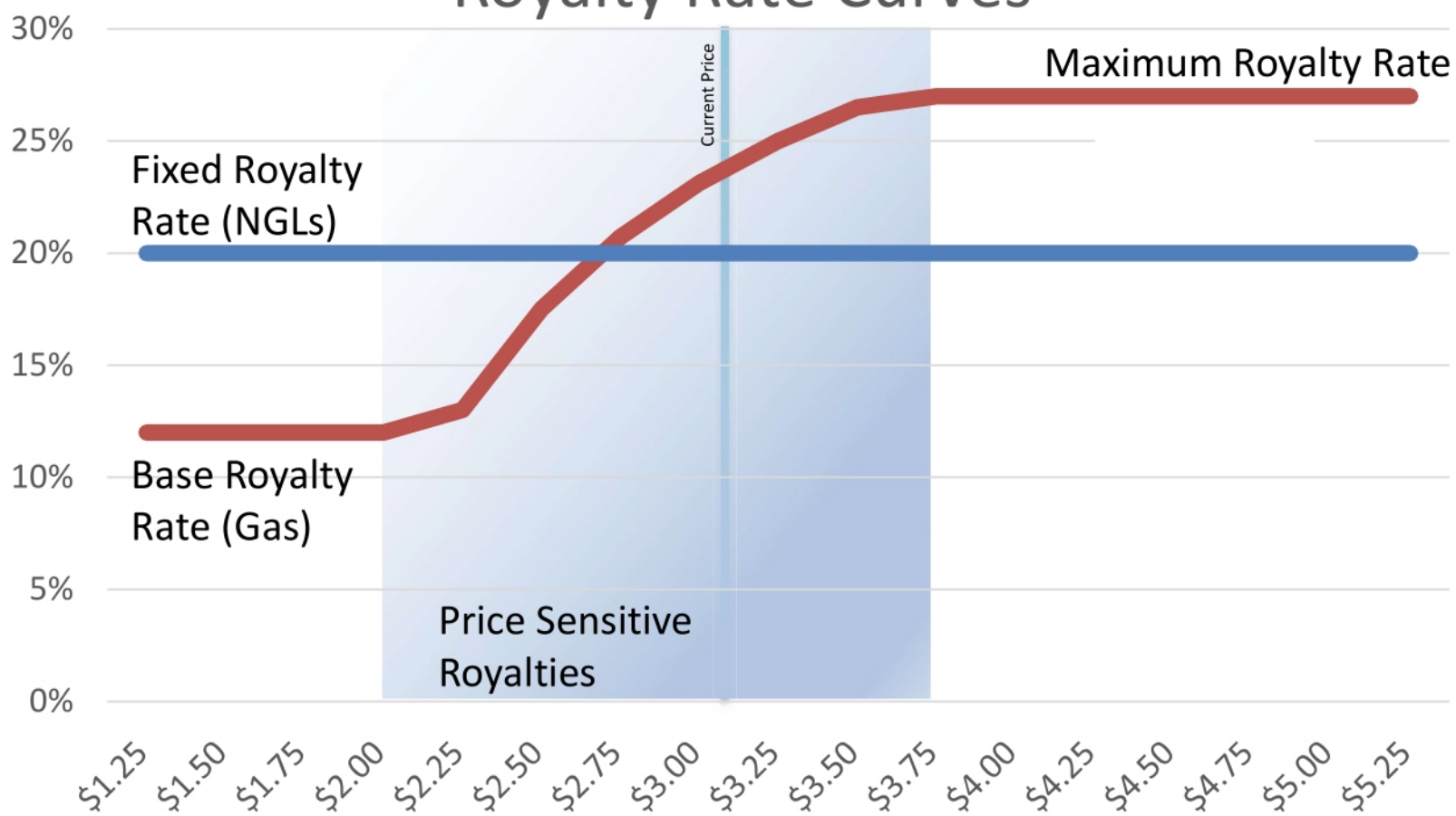
### Gas

Marketable Gas Volume (e3m3)	×	Royalty Rate (9-27%)*	×	Reference Price (\$/e3m3)	=	Royalty (\$)
100 e3M3		X 26%		X \$100/ e3M3		\$2,600

\* Subject to marginal, ultra-marginal and low productivity royalty reduction programs

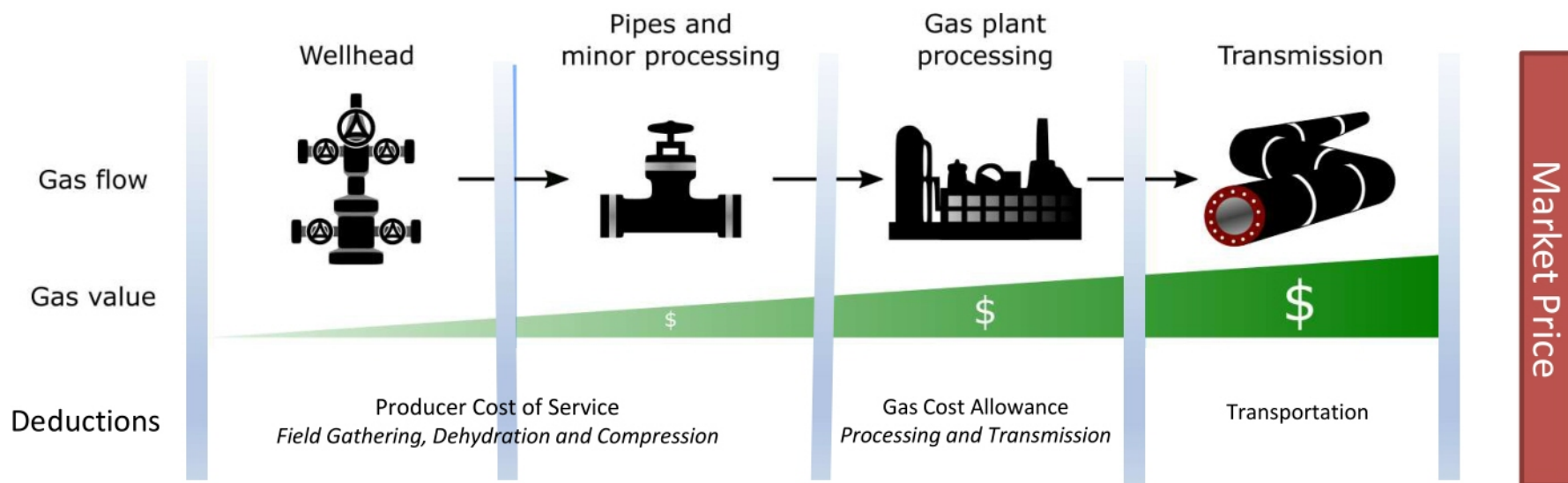


## Royalty Rate Curves





## Gas Royalty Price vs Market Price



Wellhead		PCOS		Plant Inlet	GCA	Plant Outlet		Market Price
\$0.45	+	\$0.42		= \$0.87	\$0.87	= \$1.74	+ \$0.26	= \$2.00/mcf
Wellhead		PCOS		Plant Inlet	GCA	Plant Outlet		Market Price
\$2.45	+	\$0.42		= \$2.87	\$0.87	= \$3.74	+ \$0.26	= \$4.00/mcf





## Calculating Royalties: Example Well

### NGLs + Condensate

Liquids Volume (m3)	×	Royalty Rate (20%)	×	Sales Price (\$/m3)	Σ	Less well-specific deductions: - Producer Cost of Service - Deep Well Credit	=	Net Royalty Payable (\$)
10 m3		X 20%		X \$100/m3	= \$200	- \$170 (deep credits)	=	\$30

### Gas

Marketable Gas Volume (e3m3)	×	Royalty Rate (9-27%)*	×	Reference Price (\$/e3m3)	Σ	Less well-specific deductions: - Producer Cost of Service - Deep Well Credit	=	Net Royalty Payable (\$)	
100 e3M3		X 26%		X \$100/ e3M3	= \$2,600	- \$1700 (PCOS) – \$600 (Deep)	=	\$300	
								Sum Net Royalty Payable (\$)	= \$330

Less global deductions:  
- Infrastructure Royalty Credit Programs



# Royalty Deductions and Royalty Programs

## Allowable Royalty Deductions:

Deductions:	Intent:
Producer Cost of Service (PCOS)	Offset the cost of moving the Crown's share of gathering natural gas from the wellhead to the gas plant inlet
Gas Cost Allowance (GCA)	Offset capital and operating costs of processing the Crown's share of natural gas through producer-owned gas plants and sales lines

## Royalty Programs:

Programs:	Intent:
Credits: Deep Well Credit Programs / Deep Well Re-entry	Encourage producers to engage in more capital intensive / viable drilling activity and maximize the development of known resources (Avg. Deep Well Credit range from - \$2.28 MM - \$1.26 MM, West vs. East)
Credits: Infrastructure Royalty Credit Programs	Share capital investment in oil and gas infrastructure to develop new projects. i.e. royalty credits for up to 50% of the cost to construct roads or pipelines
Low Productivity, Marginal and Ultra-Marginal	Based on production rates intended to keep wells operating by reducing the Crown's royalty rate if production rate could render well uneconomic



# Royalty Forecasting - Price

<b>EMLI FORECAST Plant inlet (C\$/GJ)</b>	Jan-20	Jul-20	Oct-20	Mar-21	Jul-21	Oct-21
2019/20 actual	0.63	0.63	0.63	0.63	0.63	0.63
2020/21 actual	1.24	1.24	1.24	1.24	1.24	1.24
2021/22	0.74	1.05	1.24	1.48	1.79	2.28
2022/23	0.88	1.15	1.22	1.48	1.68	2.26
2023/24	0.96	1.21	1.25	1.50	1.52	1.76
2024/25	1.01	1.25	1.29	1.55	1.56	1.62
2025/26	1.06	1.31	1.34	1.60	1.62	1.68
2026/27					1.68	1.74

<b>EMLI FORECAST WTI (US\$/bbl)</b>	Jan-20	Jul-20	Oct-20	Mar-21	Jul-21	Oct-21
2019/20 observ	54.72	54.72	54.72	54.72	54.72	54.72
2020/21 observ	42.24	42.24	42.24	42.24	42.24	42.24
2021/22	64.06	46.18	46.51	48.38	68.11	69.31
2022/23	66.52	52.34	51.49	51.98	65.38	68.38
2023/24	68.14	57.26	54.80	55.04	62.32	65.18
2024/25	69.69	59.16	56.35	56.47	62.66	64.07
2025/26	71.25	60.62	57.52	57.61	63.92	65.36
2026/27					65.20	66.66

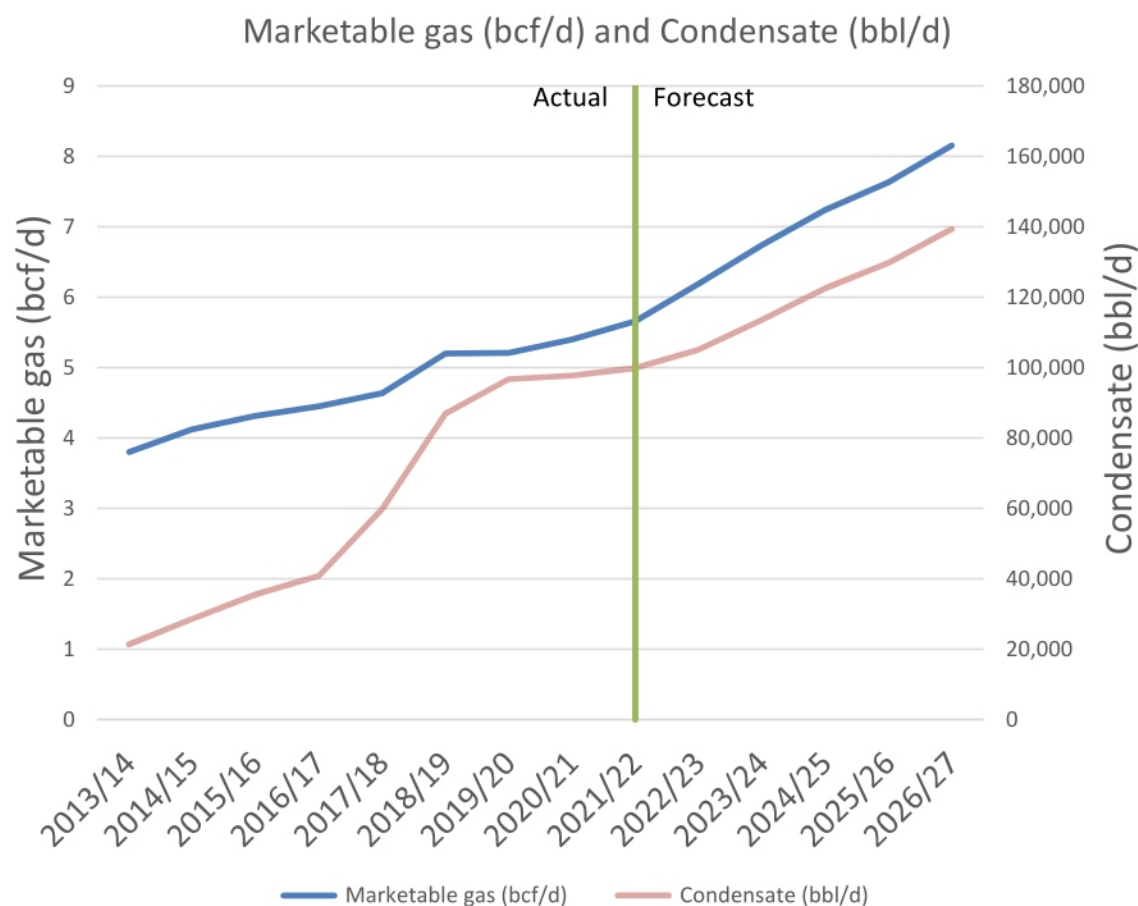


# Royalty Forecasting: Production

## Production

- Current Wells
- New Wells

## Drilling Activity



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# Growth Factors in Revenue Forecast

- Variation in winter weather (La Nina) – NA continent, US Midwest and US Gulf Coast experiencing colder average winter temperatures
- Underinvestment in production growth in US combined with demand growth.
- Price sensitive gas royalty curve – large increase in rates between approximately \$2.50 to \$3.75 where prices have been.
- Some processing allowances not price sensitive.



# Risk Factors in Revenue Forecast

- Protection/deferral areas
- Activity and production levels in BC (capital mobility for producers)
- Royalty Review
- Potential rebound in US production
- Geopolitical Risk
- COVID

**From:** [EMLI FOI EMLI:EX](#)  
**To:** [McCann, Meghan EMLI:EX](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Ministry of Energy, Mines and Low Carbon Innovation  
**Date:** January 6, 2022 2:43:00 PM  
**Attachments:** [G - Call for Records form.docx](#)  
[EML-2021-14923.pdf](#)

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Hello Meghan,

I was able to find the FOI request due to a very helpful FOI analyst at the IAO. They searched by Matt's name and only found the one closed request that matched. I've attached the original Call for Records form we received and a copy of the redline of the records. Anything in the redlined boxes would not have been seen by the applicant but, I provided this so it's easier to read for context. The IAO have said they can also send a copy as the applicant would have seen it. So please let me know if that would be more helpful. We sent our approval for this to be closed and sent to the applicant on December 21, 2021. So it is a very recent release.

Kind regards,

**Janine Crockett** (she/her) | FOI Analyst | Business Operations Branch, Deputy Minister's Office |  
Phone: 778 698 7245  
Ministry of Energy, Mines and Low Carbon Innovation

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**From:** McCann, Meghan EMLI:EX <[Meghan.McCann@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Meghan.McCann@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Sent:** January 6, 2022 1:51 PM  
**To:** EMLI FOI EMLI:EX <[MEM.FOI@gov.bc.ca](mailto:MEM.FOI@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** FW: Ministry of Energy, Mines and Low Carbon Innovation

Hi Janine,

Could you please help in finding the FOI that is being referred to below? Hoping to get this today, thanks.

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**From:** Jang, Monica EMLI:EX <[Monica.Jang@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Monica.Jang@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Sent:** January 6, 2022 1:39 PM  
**To:** McCann, Meghan EMLI:EX <[Meghan.McCann@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Meghan.McCann@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** FW: Ministry of Energy, Mines and Low Carbon Innovation

Hi Meghan,

Can you obtain a copy of the FOI that's being referred to? I want to see this before sharing with Meghan McRae.

Thanks,

Monica.

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**From:** McRae, Meghan GCPE:EX <[Meghan.McRae@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Meghan.McRae@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Sent:** January 6, 2022 1:31 PM  
**To:** Jang, Monica EMLI:EX <[Monica.Jang@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Monica.Jang@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Cc:** Karemaker, Kent GCPE:EX <[Kent.Karemaker@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Kent.Karemaker@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** FW: Ministry of Energy, Mines and Low Carbon Innovation

Monica, do you think you could dig up the FOI that Matt is referring to below, re: BN's about lost investments re: Blueberry River?

Thanks!  
Meghan

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**From:** Matt J. Simmons <[matt@thenarwhal.ca](mailto:matt@thenarwhal.ca)>  
**Sent:** January 6, 2022 12:56 PM  
**To:** Karemaker, Kent GCPE:EX <[Kent.Karemaker@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Kent.Karemaker@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Cc:** McRae, Meghan GCPE:EX <[Meghan.McRae@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Meghan.McRae@gov.bc.ca)>  
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Yep, I saw that. It doesn't address what I'm getting at though, nor what I want to speak to the minister or deputy minister about. I've written about Blueberry and the province before and dug into the Treaty Rights and MIRR perspective; this time I'm looking at it all from a different angle. For context, I received a copy of briefing notes to the DM via FOI that note the potential lost revenue, lost investment opportunities etc. I think it's very relevant for readers to learn more about that side of things — uncertainty, economics etc.

On Jan 6, 2022, at 12:51 PM, Karemaker, Kent GCPE:EX <[Kent.Karemaker@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Kent.Karemaker@gov.bc.ca)> wrote:

Hi Matt,

Our colleagues at MIRR sent out a statement over the holidays. Have you seen this?

<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2021IRR0068-002459>

Kent.

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**From:** Matt J. Simmons <[matt@thenarwhal.ca](mailto:matt@thenarwhal.ca)>  
**Sent:** January 6, 2022 11:54 AM  
**To:** Karemaker, Kent GCPE:EX <[Kent.Karemaker@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Kent.Karemaker@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Cc:** McRae, Meghan GCPE:EX <[Meghan.McRae@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Meghan.McRae@gov.bc.ca)>  
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Hi Kent,

As you may gathered from this request, I'm looking into economics related to the natural gas sector. Given the six-month "grace" period that was granted in the BC Supreme Court ruling on Blueberry River FN treaty rights just lapsed and no new authorizations/tenuring are being granted, I'm exploring what this looks like, both in terms of uncertainty for industry (and government), what it means for future investment and what the current and projected impacts are, economically and in terms of supply issues.

To that end, I'd like to request an interview with the minister (or perhaps Deputy Minister Fazil Mihlar) to speak on this subject and to learn more about how this ruling is affecting the sector and what that means for British Columbians.

Thanks,

Matt

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Matt Simmons | he/him  
Journalist, Northwest B.C.  
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On Jan 5, 2022, at 2:57 PM, Karemaker, Kent GCPE:EX <[Kent.Karemaker@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Kent.Karemaker@gov.bc.ca)> wrote:

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Kent.

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**To:** Karemaker, Kent GCPE:EX <[Kent.Karemaker@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Kent.Karemaker@gov.bc.ca)>

**Cc:** McRae, Meghan GCPE:EX <[Meghan.McRae@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Meghan.McRae@gov.bc.ca)>

**Subject:** Re: Petroleum and natural gas (PNG) royalties, per year

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Thanks Meghan and hi Kent. No hard deadline but by the end of the week would be great.

Matt

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Do you have a deadline?

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**Subject:** RE: Petroleum and natural gas (PNG) royalties, per year

Thanks Matt, happy new year to you too. Kent is working on this request.

Meghan

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**From:** Matt J. Simmons <[matt@thenarwhal.ca](mailto:matt@thenarwhal.ca)>

**Sent:** January 4, 2022 2:32 PM

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Hi Meghan,

Happy new year! Hope you had a restful break. Reaching out to see if you can help me track down some figures.

— I'd like to know the annual revenue received by the province in royalties from petroleum and natural gas (PNG) producers, per year, for the past five years.

— Also, if estimates for this are available, I'd like to know how much royalty revenue the province expects it will receive annually from producers supplying LNG Canada when it comes online. Failing that information, I can work it out based on average royalties received per unit, which I assume is measuring in cubic feet... If you can provide me with some details on amounts etc., that's be very helpful.

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